

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, January 11, 1997  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University - Baton Rouge

Board  
Item 4

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott.

**PRESENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. - Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick Bell  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Mr. Patrick Fontenot  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall

Mr. Lawson Harvey  
Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson  
Mr. Reginald Joseph  
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

**ABSENT**

Mr. Allen Hamilton  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

President Leon R. Tarver II, Secretary to the Board  
Vice Presidents Edward Jackson, Robert Johnson and Tolor White  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Jerome Greene, and Marvin Yates

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

**AGENDA ITEM 3: INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 1997**

Atty. Winston DeCuir administered the oath of office to Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. and Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr., Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board for 1997, respectively.

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In a formal statement following the installation ceremony, Chairman Gant expressed his appreciation to the Board for electing him to the Chair and offered insights for enhancing the Board members' effectiveness as managers of the Southern University System

Rev Gant's family and friends in attendance were recognized by the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS:**

Add Item 5A: Presentation by Mr. Stephen Perry, Office of the Governor

Delete Item 8: Report on Property Inventory and Other Matters, SUNO

Add Items 9E-4: SULC: Form 36 (corrected)

9H: Board: Form 46

9I: SUBR: Forms 47 and 48

9J: SUNO: Form 49

Delete Item 16A: Request for apartment complex, SUNO

Add Item 16B: Report and resolution regarding out-of-state fees, System

Add Item 16C: Revised 1997 Schedule of Meetings, Board of Supervisors

**AGENDA ITEM 5: CEREMONY HONORING 1996 BOARD CHAIR**

Mrs. Nina Hebert-Marchand was recognized for her services as Board Chair for 1996 by members of the Board and Administration. In addition to receiving mementos from the Board, the President and Chancellors, a framed photograph of Mrs. Marchand was unveiled and will hang on the wall in the Board's Meeting Room.

Acknowledging the tributes given to her by the Board and Administration, Mrs. Marchand expressed appreciation to all persons who assisted her during her tenure as Board Chairman.

Mrs. Marchand's family and friends in attendance were recognized by the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 5A:       PRESENTATION BY MR. STEPHEN PERRY, OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR**

Mr. Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff for Governor Murphy Foster, presented the Governor's proposal for higher education governance in the State.

Recalling the Governor's previous efforts to reform higher education, Mr. Perry reported that comments from Southern's Board members and others in higher education helped to convince the Governor that the single board concept was not the answer to higher education's problems.

Continuing, Mr. Perry advised that the Governor's proposal was subsequently modified, such that it now provides for a unified system of governance that will recognize the historical advocacy roles of the different higher education boards.

The modified proposal, if approved, will provide as follows:

- the original Constitutional intent for the Board of Regents as the overall policymaking board and the management boards with their current responsibilities would remain intact.
- the Board of Regents Committee Structure would change to provide for statutorily designated representation from the three management boards and their respective staffs.
- there would be Board of Regents' confirmation of the Chancellors and Presidents hired by the management boards. Although the Regents would have no authority to terminate these administrators, it could, if deemed necessary, send to the management boards a vote of "no confidence" of an administrator to signal a need for the management board to closely scrutinize the performance of this individual.

In the Governor's view, Mr. Perry reported, the new proposal will give more power to the management boards by giving them a voice at the Regents' level.

Mr. Perry also announced the Administration's plan to double funding to higher education for the maintenance of University buildings. Further, the Governor is seeking to provide additional funding to higher education by dedicating 15% of the revenues from the sales tax on food and utilities for equipment, technology and libraries. However, the implementation of this funding is tied to the Governor's success in making the now temporary tax a permanent one.

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Rev. Gant announced that as a result of Mr. Perry's assistance, the Governor agreed to provide financial support for the Southern University Marching Band's trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Presidential Inaugural activities on January 20, 1997.

Mr. Perry indicated that all arrangements had been finalized on the previous day.

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board voted to send to Governor Foster, a resolution expressing the Board and University's appreciation for his having committed financial support for the Band's travel to Washington, D.C.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29-30, 1996 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the November 29-30, 1996 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 6A:       UPDATE ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION  
                          DESEGREGATION CASE, USA VS. STATE OF  
                          LOUISIANA, ET. AL., CASE NO. 80-3300A, USDC  
                          (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the Higher Education Desegregation Case, USA vs. State of Louisiana, et. al, Case No. 80-3300A, USDC.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**- RECONVENTION -**

On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM AND CAMPUSES**

**System**

President Tarver reported that he and the new members of his staff have now moved into the President's Office. He noted that personnel actions forms to effect the employment of these persons were on the Board's meeting agenda.

A number of external University meetings have been scheduled in the interim between the January and February Board meetings and will be reported to the Board in February, the President advised.

The President announced plans to address the additional space needs of the Board of Supervisors' Office during the following week.

Additional information that was not a part of written reports submitted by the campuses follow:

**SUBR**

- Electrical, as well as, other problems occurred in the Men's Gymnasium during the Christmas break after a dumpster struck a transformer located behind the student union.
- Heating and cooling system problems in several dormitories have been corrected in time for the beginning of the 1997 Spring Semester.
- The Laboratory School's Football Team won its first state championship in ten years. A program to honor the team's accomplishments will be held on February 3rd. Coach Kimble's leadership was acknowledged by the Chancellor. The Chancellor will arrange for the team to attend the February Board meeting.

**SUNO**

During the previous week, SUNO was notified by the Department of Education that its Federal Student Loan current cohort default rate is 17%. This amount has been drastically reduced over the past 5 years when the rate was 34%.

**SULC**

No additional report.

**SUSBO**

- SUSBO's contribution to United Way has increased by 250%. Mr. Wayne Bryant and Mr. Robert O. Williams were recognized by the Chancellor for their efforts in this area.

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- SUSBO has developed a new Hospitality Program and thirty enrollees have been guaranteed by JTPA.
- SUSBO's cohort default rate on student loans has increased to 17%; however, it is still below the acceptable level of 25%.

**AGENDA ITEM 7A: REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee's report was given by Rev. Gant.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and adopted the following resolution.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the action taken by the Board regarding the termination of Mr. Sidney Carter be implemented as approved and Mr. Carter's employment with Southern University at New Orleans be terminated at 8:00 A.M. on Monday, January 13, 1997.

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On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board approved the report of the Executive Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT ON PROPERTY INVENTORY AND AREAS UNDER  
THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION, SUNO**

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Dr. Isaac Greggs, Director of Bands, SUBR, was recognized by the Board Chairman. Dr. Gregg announced the Marching Band's scheduled participation in the Senior Bowl football game and the Presidential Inauguration.

Several Board members and the System President spoke to extend their commendations to Dr. Greggs and the Marching Band.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: PERSONNEL ACTIONS FORMS**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that personnel action forms listed below be and they are hereby approved.

- System: Forms 1 - 5 and 11
- SUBR: Forms 6, 12 - 13, 17 - 20, 34 - 35, 37, 47 - 48
- SUNO: Forms 7 - 10, 14 - 16, 21 - 30, 41 - 44, 49
- SULC: Form 36 (Corrected) 38 - 39
- SUSBO: Forms 10a, 31 - 33, 40 and 45
- Board: Form 46

**AGENDA ITEM 10:            APPOINTMENT OF DEAN, COLLEGE OF  
ARCHITECTURE, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Dr. Frank M. Bosworth, III as Dean and Tenured Professor, College of Architecture, SUBR, effective January 1, 1997 at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 11:            APPOINTMENT OF DEAN, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,  
SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Dr. Ernest L. Walker as Dean and Tenured Research Professor,

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**College of Engineering, SUBR, effective January 1, 1997, at an annual salary of \$108,000.00 be and it is hereby approved.**

**AGENDA ITEM 12: COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A & M COLLEGE  
SYSTEM AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LOUISIANA (UCDC-  
LA)**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the cooperative endeavor agreement between Southern University and A & M College System and University Community Development Corporation of Louisiana (UCDC-LA) be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COST TRANSFERS BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENT, MODIFICATION NUMBER 1**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Institutional Cost Transfers budget adjustment, modification 1, to fund the System's External Affairs position, and the Cooperative Endeavors Agreement with UCDC-LA previously approved by the Board, be and it is hereby approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- Commendations to Mrs. Nina H. Marchand, 1996 Board Chair
- Condolences to the families of
  - Mr. James Slaughter
  - Mrs. Bobbie Bates
  - Mr. Ray Oliver Wright
  - Mrs. Ruby Minor
  - Mrs. Earline Bradford
  - Mrs. Lillie B. Waters
  - Mr. Vince Williams

**AGENDA ITEM 15: 1997 COMMITTEES AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

The 1997 Committee structure and appointments of the Board of Supervisors were distributed for information. Rev. Gant announced that Mr. Patrick Fontenot's name would replace that of Ms. Mamye Hall on the Baton Rouge Community College roster.

**AGENDA ITEM 16A: REQUEST FOR APARTMENT COMPLEX, SUNO**

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**AGENDA ITEM 16B: REPORT AND RESOLUTION REGARDING OUT-OF-STATE FEES, SYSTEM**

Mr. White reported that House Concurrent Resolution #97 requires Southern University and other state colleges and universities to increase non-resident fees for graduate and undergraduate students to an amount equal to the Southern Region Education Board median fees charged to out-of-state students at comparable institutions, beginning Fall 1997.

Figures were presented which reflected the amount of increase each year until the mandated amount is reached.

Mr. Reginald Joseph requested that the Board delay its approval of the increase in non-resident fees in order to give him an opportunity to apprise the students of this action.

Mr. Joseph was advised by members of the Board and Administration that Southern University was opposed to the increase in non-resident fees. However, failure to implement this directive from the Legislature could result in an imposed budget reduction equal to the amount of

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the required increase in non-resident fees. In view of these anticipated consequences, the Board must comply with the House Concurrent Resolution.

Dr. Tarver indicated that the Administration would seek to examine the criteria used by the Legislature in making the determination regarding the SREB median. Mr. Joseph was requested to forward the student concerns to the Chancellors for transmission to the Legislature at the time the University make its official response to this Legislative action.

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board adopted the following resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors for Southern University shall initiate its planned action to adjust the fees charged to out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students, beginning with the Fall Semester, 1997.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that an increase in out-of-state charges to undergraduate and graduate students shall begin with the Fall Semester 1997. An increase charge of 1/3 of the difference will be made between the university's current charges and the SREB median tuition fee. The following Fall Semester 1998, an increase charge of 1/2 of the difference will be assessed between the new current charge and the SREB median tuition fee. Finally, at the beginning of the Fall Semester 1998, the full balance will be charged the students between our current revised charge and the SREB median tuition fee.

**AGENDA ITEM 16C: 1997 MEETING SCHEDULED (REVISED)**

The Board meeting schedule for 1997 was distributed. Adjustments will be made as necessary.

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**Announcements**

Dr. Tarver announced the ceremonies featuring Dr. Bernice King arescheduled at LSU for Martin Luther King Day Commemoration.

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Dr. Tarver introduced the following members of the President's staff:

- Dr. Edward Jackson - Executive Vice President and Provost
- Dr. Robert Johnson - Vice President for Planning and Evaluation
- Mrs. Diane Craig - Executive Administrative Assistant to the President
- Ms. Robin Merrick - Policy Development Coordinator

**AGENDA ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors